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TITLE OF INVENTION

**Method for Preparing Cyclohexane Carboxylic Acids**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to calculation of the filing fees and examination of the above noted application, entrance of the following remarks and amendments into the record is respectfully requested.

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being made upon entry of International Application No. PCT/US00/21434 in the U.S. §371 national phase of prosecution.

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. The process of any one of claims 1 wherein  $n$  in  $R_n$  is 2 and one group is substituted on at the 3 position and the other group is substituted on the 4 position.

5. The process of any one of claims 1 wherein  $R_1$  is methyl, one of  $R_n$  is methoxy,  $-O-CF_3$ ,  $-O-CHF_2$ , or  $-O-CH_2CHF_2$  and the other is  $C_4$ -cycloalkyloxy.

6. The process of any one of claim 1 wherein  $n$  in  $R_n$  is 2 and one is 3-cyclopentyloxy and a second  $R_n$  group is 4-methoxy.